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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	BOARD OF CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	Monday, April 19, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware Conference Room A , second floor of the Cannon Building
MINUTES APPROVED	June 21, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT

Philip Thompson, Professional Member, **President**, Presiding
Diane Postell, Professional Member, **Vice President**
Fran Franklin, Professional Member, **Secretary**
Ralph Robinson, Professional Member
Joseph McDonough, Public Member

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Eileen Heeney, Deputy Attorney General
Shauna Slaughter, Administrative Specialist II

MEMBERS ABSENT

Louise Allen Frazier, Public Member
Lisa Gillespie, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT

Julie Jenks Zorach, Clinical Social Work Society of Delaware
Gail Levinson, Clinical Social Work Society of Delaware

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Thompson called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the March 15, 2010 minutes for approval. Mr. Robinson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Franklin, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discussion Regarding Revisions to the Statute and Rules & Regulations

This item was tabled until the May meeting.

Review Draft Article by Gail Levinson Regarding HB 184

The Board reviewed a draft article prepared by Gail Levinson regarding HB 184. Ms. Levinson and Ms. Zorach were present to discuss the draft. The Board and Ms. Heeney suggested changes to several areas. Ms. Zorach advised that she also saw some areas that needed to be changed. Ms. Zorach will revise the draft based on the suggestions made by the Board and Ms. Heeney, and she will forward the draft to the division's deputy director, Kay Warren, for review.

NEW BUSINESS

Ratification of Application to sit for the ASWB exam – LaRenda Jones

Dr. Franklin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Postell, to ratify the application to sit for the ASWB exam for LaRenda Jones. Motion unanimously carried.

Ratification of Application to sit for the ASWB exam – Aline Harrell

Dr. Franklin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Postell, to ratify the application to sit for the ASWB exam for Aline Harrell. Motion unanimously carried.

Ratification of Application to sit for the ASWB exam – Marybeth Conklin

Dr. Franklin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Postell, to ratify the application to sit for the ASWB exam for Marybeth Conklin. Motion unanimously carried.

Ratification of Application to sit for the ASWB exam – Katherine Hutchison

Dr. Franklin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Postell, to ratify the application to sit for the ASWB exam for Katherine Hutchison. Motion unanimously carried.

Ratification of Application to sit for the ASWB exam – Jasmine Wright

Dr. Franklin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Postell, to ratify the application to sit for the ASWB exam for Jasmine Wright. Motion unanimously carried.

Ratification of Application to sit for the ASWB exam – Caroline Corzine

Dr. Franklin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Postell, to ratify the application to sit for the ASWB exam for Caroline Corzine. Motion unanimously carried.

Ratification of Re-Application to sit for the ASWB exam – Desiree Lowery

Dr. Franklin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Postell, to ratify the re-application to sit for the ASWB exam for Desiree Lowery. Motion unanimously carried.

Ratification of Application for Licensure by Reciprocity – Cheryl Torpey

Mr. Robinson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Franklin, to ratify the application for licensure by reciprocity for Cheryl Torpey. Motion unanimously carried.

Ratification of Application for Licensure by Reciprocity – Elaine Abrams

Mr. Robinson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Franklin, to ratify the application for licensure by reciprocity for Elaine Abrams. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Application to Sit for the ASWB Exam – Melvin Slawik

The Board reviewed Melvin Slawik's application to sit for the ASWB exam. Mr. Robinson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Franklin, to table the application for a federal and state certified criminal history report. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Application to Sit for the ASWB Exam – Hugh O'Donnell

The Board reviewed Hugh O'Donnell's application to sit for the ASWB exam. Ms. Postell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Franklin, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Application to Sit for the ASWB Exam – Lynell Crawford

The Board reviewed Lynell Crawford's application to sit for the ASWB exam. Mr. Robinson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Postell, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Application to Sit for the ASWB Exam – Michael Belle

The Board reviewed Michael Belle's application to sit for the ASWB exam. Mr. Robinson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Franklin, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Assign Complaint Contact Person

Mr. Robinson agreed to be the contact person for complaint #31-01-10.

Review Supervision Progress Report from Dr. Susan Edgar for Sachin Karnik

The Board reviewed a supervision progress report from Dr. Susan Edgar, for Sachin Karnik. Dr. Franklin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Postell, to accept the report as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Discussion Regarding Foreign Applicants

The Board had a discussion regarding education criteria for foreign applicants. Ms. Slaughter advised the Board that she has received an application from a foreign graduate and it does not appear that there are any provisions in the Board's statute that would allow them to be licensed. The statute currently requires that the applicant have a master's degree in clinical social work from a college or university accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). The CSWE does not accredit programs outside of the United States; however, they do have a degree recognition program and evaluation service which recognizes academic credentials in social work that are comparable to accredited baccalaureate and master's degrees in social work in the United States. Currently the Board's statute would not allow a Delaware applicant to be licensed based on their degree being recognized by the CSWE because of the language in the statute. The Board would like to change the statute to allow the CSWE recognition program to be used for licensing in Delaware. Ms. Heeney will work on revising the language in the statute to accommodate foreign applicants whose academic credentials are recognized by the CSWE.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence for review.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (FOR DISCUSSION ONLY)

There was no other business before the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.


NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on May 17, 2010, at 9:00 a.m. in Conference Room A.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Robinson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Franklin, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shauna Slaughter". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Shauna Slaughter, Administrative Specialist II
Delaware Board of Clinical Social Work Examiners